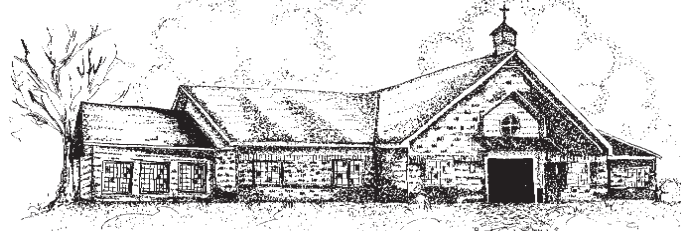


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Saturday from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
or by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

First Monday at 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
First Friday at 8:00 a.m.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 12/15	5:30 p.m.	Bonnie Weiner by Family
Sunday, 12/16	8:30 a.m.	Parish Family
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Jo Harriman by Bill & Margie Andrews
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Fr. J. L. Reichert by Kent, Pam, Anthony & Kristin Riggs
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Joe Weiner by Fr. J. L. Reichert
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Penance Service
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for the Knights of Columbus
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Fr. J. L. Reichert by Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Sweeney
Friday		No Mass
Saturday, 12/22	5:30 p.m.	Bernard & Dorothy Bonner by the Smith Family
Sunday, 12/23	8:30 a.m.	Sandra Kelly by Bill Kelly
	11:00 a.m.	Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 16th – Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18
Monday, December 17th – Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday, December 18th – Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday, December 19th – Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
Thursday, December 20th – Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
Friday, December 21st – Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
Saturday, December 22nd – 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Sunday, December 23rd – Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

DECEMBER 16, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharistic Ministers:	Saturday 5:30 p.m. *Dawn Bass, Kathleen Locker Jared Lahmon, Need Volunteers	Sunday 8:30 a.m. *Terri Shank, Tom Stanearth Dan Townsend, Susan Welch Ali Stanearth, Regina Pasini	Sunday 11 a.m. *Joe & Diane Green Mike & Corinna Rush Isaac Rush, Isaiah Rush
Lectors:	Aaron Locker, Amy Lahmon	C. & O. Shank, B. & N. Stanearth	Art Urban, Alex Rush, Matthew Cherry
Servers:	Bryce Writesel	Tim & Jennifer Williams	Richard Cherry, Janet McKenzie
Greeters:	Rick Bass, Jan Orkis	Andrea Holland	Greg Chester
Cantors:	Betsy Jesenko		

DECEMBER 23, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharistic Ministers:	Saturday 5:30 p.m. *Chris Smith, Eileen Baesmann Virginia Ankrom, Dawn Bass	Sunday 8:30 a.m. *Bubby & Roberta Eichner Donna Kashuk, Daryl Wernette Mark Holland, Amelianna Conigy	Sunday 11 a.m. *Sally Blubaugh, Laura Sammons Danielle Wetzel, Need Volunteer Mike Dunfee, Barb VanHoose
Lectors:	Dave Bogner, Dennis Murnane	B. & R. Sheehan, I. Burnham	Matt & Megan King
Servers:	Jolene Bogner	Rodney & Cindy Tornes	Emily Sammons, Bryant Turner
Greeters:	Rick Bass, Merle Smith	Joe Lindsay	Guitar Group
Cantors:	Andrea Holland		

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018**Christmas Carols, Nativity Play and Mass beginning at **4:00 p.m.**
Christmas Carols beginning at **9:30 p.m.** and Mass at **10:00 p.m.****Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018**Mass at **10:00 a.m.****New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018**Vigil Mass at **7:00 p.m.****New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**Mass at **10:00 a.m.**If you would like to purchase a **"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet** for \$5.00 each, they will be available after each of the Sunday Masses or call Pete Kashuk at 740-967-3388.We are in need of volunteers for all **Ministries for the Christmas Season**. Sign-up Sheets will be available in the hallway.**Advent Booklets** are available in the gathering space. One per family, please.**OUR ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** will take place on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.**ADVENT REFLECTION ON FAITH & FORGIVENESS****Even if you missed the first night on December 5th, you are still welcome to join us.** Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord, yet many of His disciples feel anxiety or stress this time of year. Father Mark wants to lead you on a journey to discovering how to better incorporate faith and forgiveness into your life. Please join us on December 19 to watch a 25-30 minute video on forgiveness, and then Father Mark will lead us in a short discussion.**Nativity Play for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass.**

Carols will begin at 4:00 p.m. and Mass will begin at 4:30 p.m. The practice schedule is as follows: Sunday, December 16th, 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 23rd, 4:00 p.m. (DRESS REHEARSAL)

LECTOR WORKBOOKS are still available in the closet in the east hallway. If you are a Lector, please pick one up for your reference.**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES** are available in the Literature Rack.Our **2019 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pickup in the east hallway across from the restrooms. Please note that you may or may not have the same number as last year, so please double-check your name before taking them. If there is not a set with your name on them, please see the sheet at the table for instructions.**Many thanks** to the Crouse-Kauber-Fraley Funeral Home for their generous donation of our 2019 Calendars.Youth Group will meet on Sunday, December 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Visit the youth group website at ascensionyouth@weebly.com to see meeting times.Thank you so much for your generous donations to the **American Legion Gifts for Kids.****GIVE A MEANINGFUL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS - DONATE BLOOD** - Mark your calendar now for the next RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE that will take place Monday, December 17, 2017 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcross.org, sponsor code ProlifeJohns. Walk-ins are also welcome.**TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM** - In the spirit of the season, The Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby items for unwed mothers and crisis pregnancy service centers. Donations may be placed under our "tree of life" in the gathering space and will be delivered to Heartbeats of Licking County before Christmas. Thanks for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.Our parish will once again sponsor a **JESSE TREE** in the gathering space. Hats, scarves, gloves and mittens can be put **ON** the tree; baby items **UNDER** the tree. The items on the tree are going to the Salvation Army shelter for homeless families in Newark. All items will be collected through December 19 and forwarded to the proper place.**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED**

Our prayers this week are asked for Jerry Cope and Family, Janet Flood, Sutton Parish, Jean Giannini, Kenneth Speert, Bridgette Wells, Helen Tomich, Daniel Chapman, Pam Boesch and Family, Donna Dellapina, Sylvia Freed, Neva Stover, Jack and Lucy Walsh and for those who have no one to pray for them.

SURVEY FOR PREFERENCE OF SATURDAY MASS TIME: We have put together a survey and ask that all those who attend the Saturday evening Mass, or would possibly attend if it were at an earlier time, to please fill it out and return it in the collection basket or to the box in the gathering space by December 16, 2018. If you never attend the Saturday evening Mass, you do not need to fill out a survey.**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - We will once again be decorating the altar with poinsettias in celebration of the birth of Christ. If you would care to have the name of a loved one or a special intention listed in the Christmas bulletin, please indicate it on the envelope. Please include a contribution of \$10.00, and drop your envelope in the collection basket.**OUR GIFTS TO GOD - WEEKLY NEED \$5,233.00**
December 1/2, 2018468 Registered Families - Total Offering - \$6,148.26
Offering from 111 Sunday envelopes - \$5,724.00
Loose Cash - \$424.26 CHD - \$3.00
Christmas Flowers - \$85.00 C&EE - \$25.00
Home Missions - \$25.00 Religious Retirement - \$150.00
Capital Fund - \$20.00**Do you return a portion of your
time / skills / possessions?
to God in a spirit of gratitude?**Thank you for your generous donations to the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** which will help provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!